

## 2003 SURF Summer Activities

All work and no play...not these SURFers. They work hard on their research projects all summer, but when the “whistle blows” look out for some major fun activities to balance everything out because there’s always fun and adventure when you get these SURFers together.

July 1      Camden Yards, Baltimore, MD – **GO ORIOLES!!**

Take me out to the ball game,  
Take me out with the crowd.  
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,  
I don't care if I never get back,  
Let me root, root, root for the home team,  
If they don't win it's a shame....



A group of SURFers enjoyed a game of baseball between the Baltimore Orioles and the New York Yankees. The SURFers got to see the “home team” win (Baltimore 7, Yankees 3).

July 3      2003 SURF T-Shirt Design

It has become a “tradition” each year for the group to design a T-shirt during the summer. With help from Beamie Young, our resident graphics artist, this is the winning design for summer ‘03. There is always a huge demand for the T-shirts -- even non-SURFers want to sport them around the campus -- maybe we’re talking collectors’ items.



July 4

## Independence Day

For 17 long, summer days in Philadelphia, a young man from Virginia worked tirelessly to draft the document that would ultimately revolutionize the world. With a quill pen and a bottle of ink, Thomas Jefferson wrote and rewrote the words that became the Declaration of Independence.

SURFers headed to the National Mall in DC to celebrate our Nation's birthday. Nowhere is there greater excitement on America's birthday than in the Nation's capital.



“Thus may the 4th of July, that glorious and ever memorable day, be celebrated through America, by the sons of freedom, from age to age till time shall be no more. Amen and Amen.”  
Virginia Gazette on July 18th, 1777

July 12

## White Water Rafting and Hiking

This year a group of 50 SURFers went white water rafting on the spectacular Shenandoah River. The group was guided through White Horse Rapids, down the famed Shenandoah Staircase, and even over Bull Falls. They floated right by historic Harpers Ferry, scene of John Brown's famous raid and many Civil War battles. As if that wasn't enough excitement several SURFers decided to



hike the Maryland Heights Trail. The first part of the trail combined some steep climbs and rocky terrain but it was worth it to see the spectacular overlook of Harpers Ferry, and the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers. The second part of the hike included much history. The trail climbed to the ridge passing remains of fortifications built by the Union forces in 1862 after their defeat at Harpers Ferry.



July 26

## Old Rag Mountain Hike

Several SURFers were up for the rock scramble from one of the best hikes in Virginia. Old Rag Mountain is one of the highest peaks (3291 feet) in the Blue Ridge



Mountains in northern Virginia. Old Rag's attractions include a rugged scramble over and through boulders on the Ridge Trail and a spectacular view of the Piedmont to the east and the Shenandoah Valley to the west.



July 27

## Legg Mason Tennis Classic

William H. G. Fitzgerald Tennis Center, Washington, DC

The 10<sup>th</sup> Legg Mason Tennis Classic has become a 'can't-miss' event for thousands of Washingtonians. This included a group of SURFers who decided they couldn't miss the chance of possibly seeing one of their tennis favorites, such as Andre Agassi, five-time champion, or James Blake, who won his first-ever ATP title at the Classic in 2002, but alas, no Anna Kournikova!

August 9

## Kings Dominion

A long-standing tradition is the end-of-the-program trip to Kings Dominion. The SURFers found the ads are true – “there really is something for everyone” from the Drop Zone to Sponge Bob Squarepants.

